IN THE CLAIMS

Presented below are the amended claims in a clean, unmarked format. Claims that have been amended are annotated with (Amended), while new claims include the notation (New).

1.   (Once Amended) An apparatus for processing text expressions in a computer system, the apparatus comprising:

a user input device for receiving an input text expression;

a parser to identify a keyword in the input text expression, the parser to associate the input text expression to an information object associated with the keyword; and

a user output device to make the associated information object available to the user upon request.

2.   (Once Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

an object database including the information objects and associated keywords, and supplemental information related to the information object, and

the user output device further to display the supplemental information upon user request.

3.   (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the user input device is an email program.

4.   (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the key words are recognized based on context.

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5. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the keywords comprise one or more of the following: names of persons, names of projects, times, dates, types of notes.

6. (New) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the information objects comprise one or more of the following: lists, projects, contacts, e-mail addresses, enclosed document identifiers, and events.

7. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the information objects are located in another application.

8. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the information objects are in a contacts database.

9. (New) A method comprising:
receiving natural language input text;
parsing the input text to identify at least one keyword within the input text;
identifying an information object associated with the at least one keyword; and
associating the information object associated with the keyword with the input text.

10. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the keyword is identified based on context.

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